**Year 6 Canberra Camp 23rd – 27th March 2015**

Dear Parents,

A parent information session for the camp will be held on 24th February at 7PM. We need a representative from each family to attend this meeting to ensure all details are received first hand and we need to explain contact details. A full itinerary will be dispersed and explained.

Students will need to be at the front of the school on Monday 23rd March at 7:10AM. The bus will depart at 7:30AM from Nurlendi Rd. There will be several stops along the way with anticipated arrival time being 4:30PM at our accommodation (IBIS Styles Eaglehawk Resort Canberra). You will need to supply your child with morning and afternoon tea, lunch and a **FULL, LABELLED,** **1 LITRE DRINK BOTTLE.** Students will fill their drink bottle daily. They must carry a decent amount of water with them as it could be warm and we want to avoid headaches usually caused by dehydration. They must have a back pack with them that will be comfortable enough for them to carry for the entire camp. A trendy backpack that hangs half way down your child’s back is unacceptable. Whilst we do not ask you to purchase a brand new backpack, a hiking backpack that will fit their food, drink bottle, hat, waterproof jacket if needed, pen and paper is preferred as this is better for their backs. Perhaps you could borrow one from a family member or friend if you do not have something suitable.

Arrival back at school is anticipated at 5PM on Friday 27th March 2015. A phone tree will be given closer to the camp date and this will be used to inform you of an accurate arrival time on the 27th March. **DO NOT CONTACT STAFF OR PARENT HELPERS WHILE ON CAMP. No news is good news. In the event of an emergency you will be contacted IMMEDIATELY by teaching staff.** We ask that you allow your child to have the full camp experience without extra stress from stressed parents. Please also refrain from contacting camp accommodation. If there is an emergency at home please contact Gillian Prentice on the school mobile number 0477391129 or phone the school who will contact one of us on our mobile phones.

Before departure, all student medication must be given to Mrs Kate Riddle. This must be in a LABELLED SNAP LOCK BAG with directions clearly written on a piece of paper. If your child suffers from travel sickness, ensure that medication is given before departure and sufficient amount is supplied for the journey to and from camp. Asthmatics must have their own asthma pump in their backpack.

On our return trip, we will stop at McDonalds, Wangaratta for lunch which they must purchase. They will also have an opportunity to purchase souvenirs. We ask that no more than $40 is given to your child as they will be responsible for it. They will be told that they must save at least $10 for their lunch on the last day and should be encouraged to keep this money separate to their souvenir money.

It will be compulsory for your child to attend camp with their VERMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL HAT ONLY. No other hats will be allowed. This must be in their backpack when we leave and this will be checked by staff before boarding the bus. Please ensure your child also applies sunscreen before departure and have sunscreen in their bag for reapplying along the way. They will be asked to put this on each morning as we will be in the sun for short periods of time when walking to and from buses, parks and also for general play times. Ensure hats and sunscreen bottles are labelled.

Students will be allowed to bring **ONE ELECTRONIC DEVICE** to camp such as IPODS or Nintendos. If they have a phone that they wish to use for a camera, the SIM card must be removed and left at home. Students WILL NOT be permitted to use Wi-Fi and any children caught doing so will have their devices confiscated for the entire camp. If your child has a separate instant or SLR camera then that is also allowed. All devices will be stored nightly in the teachers’ rooms. They must be clearly labelled and students and parents must realise that students are totally responsible for them when they are in their possession.

All bedding is supplied for our stay so there is no need to send a sleeping bag or pillow. All clothing and toiletries should be labelled. Rooms accommodate 6 students. Students can bring one bag of lollies but please remember that no nuts are allowed.

Please find attached clothing requirements for the week of camp. Ensure children know which clothing is in the suitcase by having them part of the packing process. You would not believe the amount of children who do not recognise their clothing. Please ensure all of the required items on the list below fit into one bag, except the school hat, sunscreen and rain jacket.

Any questions can be asked at the information evening. We are really looking forward to this camp experience.

Gillian Prentice, Paul Souter, Jaclyn Raditsis

**CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS**

5 X underwear

7 x socks

4 x tshirts

2 x long pants

2 x long sleeved jumpers/hoodies/polar fleece

2 x long sleeved tshirt tops

4 x shorts/leggings

1 x rain jacket (we will do all activities whether it is raining or sunny)

Pyjamas

2 x shoes (1 runners and 1 closed casual footwear that is comfortable for long periods of wear)

thongs (only for showering)

Dressing gown optional

1 x towel

Soap, shampoo, face washer, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, hairbrush

NO HAIR DRYER OR STRAIGHTENER

SUNSCREEN COMPULSORY

SCHOOL HAT COMPULSORY

LARGE PLASTIC GARBAGE BAG FOR DIRTY CLOTHING AND WET TOWEL